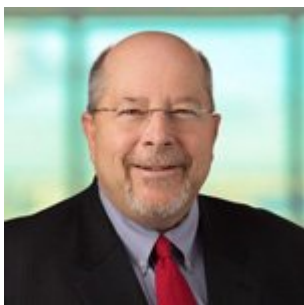


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Profile



Experienced in federal and state trial and appellate courts, Kelly Utsinger's practice is concentrated on employment, insurance, nonsubscriber, trucking and catastrophic injury litigation. After receiving his law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law, he worked as a briefing attorney for the Chief Justice of the 7th Court of Appeals. He has maintained an appellate practice with over 30 reported cases and has also prosecuted and defended commercial litigants and multi-million dollar first party insurance disputes. Kelly has been counsel in multiple Fair Labor Standards Act collective actions and defended over 100 nonsubscriber law suits.

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Having committed his career to litigation, Kelly is a member of two national, invitation-only trial lawyer organizations. He is a Fellow of the [American College of Trial Lawyers](#), widely recognized as the premier trial organization in North America. Membership in the ACTL is limited to trial lawyers with at least 15 years of experience who are exceptional advocates and whose careers demonstrate the highest standards of ethics. He is also an Associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates, an organization limited to lawyers who have demonstrated skill, civility and professionalism at a high level of trial advocacy and who are committed to preserving and promoting the right to trial by jury.

In the 2017 edition of Texas Super Lawyers, Kelly is listed among the [top 50 lawyers in Central and West Texas](#), a region that includes Amarillo, Austin, El Paso, Lubbock, and San Antonio.

Practice Areas

- Employment
- Litigation

Bar/Court Admissions

- All Texas State Courts by the [Supreme Court of Texas](#), 1979
- [U.S. Supreme Court](#)

- [U.S. Tax Court](#)
- [U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit](#)
- U.S. District Court, [Northern](#) and [Eastern](#) Districts of Texas

Education

- [Texas Tech University School of Law](#)
 - J.D., 1979
- [Abilene Christian College](#)
 - B.A., 1975, cum laude

Affiliations

- [American College of Trial Lawyers](#)
- [American Board of Trial Advocates](#)
- [Best Lawyers in America](#), Insurance Law – 2012-2021
- Thomson Reuters [Texas Super Lawyers®](#) 2003 – 2020 for Civil Litigation, Defense
- Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers® – Super Lawyer, Business Edition and Corporate Counsel Edition for Civil Litigation Defense – 2008 – 2013
- Advisory Committee, U.S. District Courts, Northern District of Texas 2014 - 2020
- [Amarillo Area Bar Association](#), President 2008-2009
- [Texas Association of Defense Counsel](#), Former Director
- [Texas Young Lawyers Association](#), Former Director
- [United Way of Amarillo and Canyon](#)

Publications

Appellate Opinions

- *Welch v. Nightingale Nurses, LLC*, 2009 Tex. App. LEXIS 3822, June 2, 2009, Petition for review denied, 2010 Tex. LEXIS 295 (Tex., Apr. 9, 2010)
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